

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present amendment is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 18, 2003, in which the Examiner required an election between Invention I (Claims 1 through 9, 19 through 22, 24 through 39 and 48 drawn to a method for detection and identification of constituents of extracts, classified in class 436, subclass 161), Invention II (Claims 10, 12 through 17, and 40 drawn to a software for detection and identification of extracts, classified in class 700, subclass 1), and Invention III (Claims 40 through 47, drawn to a processor, classified in class 422, subclass 55).

Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Claims 1 through 9, 19 through 22, 24 through 38 and 48 (Invention I) with traverse and have cancelled the non-elected claims. In so electing, Applicant reserves the right to submit a divisional application directed to the non-elected claims at a later time.

Applicants respectfully submit that search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden, thus Applicants traverse this requirement.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims as currently presented are in condition for allowance. If, for any reason, the Examiner disagrees, please call the undersigned attorney at 202-624-3947 in an effort to resolve any matter still outstanding *before* issuing another action. The undersigned attorney is confident that any issue which might remain can readily be worked out by telephone.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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